

Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live

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Zacchaeus the Repentant Tax Collector

Devotional Reading: Luke 6:31–38

Background Scripture: Luke 19:1–10

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Lesson Outline

- 1. Lesson Introduction & Context.**
- 2. Viewing from a Distance (Luke 19:1–4).**
- 3. Interacting Up Close (Luke 19:5–10).**
- 4. Conclusion, Prayer, Life Application.**

INTRODUCTION			
Person	Name Meaning	Role / Feature	Text Reference
Jesus	Yeshua, "the Lord saves"	En route to Jerusalem for the final Passover of His Earthly Ministry.	Luke 19:1, 5,10
Zacchaeus	Hebrew Zakkai, "pure" or "innocent"	Chief tax collector, wealthy, short in stature, despised	Luke 19:2,8
The crowd	Unnamed	Public - Religious	Luke 19:3, 7

Background & History

Luke 18:9–14 The Pharisee and tax collector.

Luke 18:18–30 The rich young ruler.

Luke 18:31–34 Jesus predicts His death & resurrection.

Luke 18:35–43 Jesus heals a blind man.

Lesson Context

After healing these, Jesus and his disciples proceed into Jericho. Here Jesus sees the person of Zaccheus, whom everyone despised for his unethical actions and yet he was chosen by Jesus to be transformed.

LESSON GOALS

- 1. Explore Zacchaeus's position and transformational experience.**
- 2. Explain the significance of Jesus' willingness to stay at Zacchaeus's house.**
- 3. Understand how the vision of Jesus supersedes human perception.**

QUESTIONS ???

- 1. How does humility enhance the significance of Zacchaeus's actions?**
- 2. Why does Jesus' choice to be Zacchaeus's guest bother the crowd?**
- 3. What can we learn from their judgment?**

Luke 19:1–2 NIV

vs.1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

Luke 19:3-4 NIV

3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd.

4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

Luke 19:5-6 NIV

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus come down immediately.

I must stay at your house today.”

6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

Luke 19:7-8 NIV

**7 All the people saw this and began to mutter,
“He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”**

**8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look,
Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the
poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything;
I will pay back four times the amount.”**

Luke 19:9-10 NIV

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”.

QUESTIONS???

- A). How does Zacchaeus's story enhance the concept of seeking and saving the lost?**
- B). What is the church's role? Yours? God's? The Lost's?**

Answers & Assignments

God's Role: Salvation begins with the Son of Man coming to save the lost. Ephesians 2:8–9).

The church's role: The house where ALL are welcome without judgment. (Galatians 6:1–2; Acts 2:44–47).

Our role as Christians: To imitate the love of Jesus' Celebrate repentance without question. (Luke 15:7, 10).

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1. Jesus initiates relationships with the lost.**
- 2. Social and religious status cannot fill an empty soul.**
- 3. Choosing Christ often requires setting dignity aside and embracing humility.**
- 4. Real change produces visible fruit.**

Lord, we come before you with contrite hearts. If we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have failed to act with generosity in the work of reconciliation and restoration.

Help us, to live out our faith in you with boldness and resolve. When it is uncomfortable, empower us by your love.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

NIV|NRSV STUDY BIBLE - Abingdon

THE COST OF DISCIPLE SHIP – Bonhoeffer.

HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD - Stanley

KINGDOM PURPOSE - Evans
